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Education Department Dinner to Honor Rhode Island Teacher of the Year National Teacher of the Year to be Featured Speaker

The 2004 National Teacher of the Year, Kathleen M. Mellor, of North Kingstown, will be the guest speaker at a dinner to honor the 2005 Rhode Island Teacher of the Year and other distinguished educators. The dinner is sponsored by the R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

What: Dinner to Celebrate Excellence in Teaching

When: Monday, May 16th, 2005 – 7 p.m.

Where: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Airport Rd., Warwick

The teachers to be honored are:

Althea A. Telford, Barrington, 2005 Rhode Island Teacher of the Year

Finalists:

Maureen Kenner, Providence Teacher of the Year

Marianne M. Kirby, North Kingstown Teacher of the Year

Semifinalists:

Steven Robert Gardiner, Exeter-West Greenwich Teacher of the Year

John Labriola, Chariho Teacher of the Year

District Teachers of the Year:

Fran L. Blaess, Middletown Teacher of the Year

Sandra L. Clunan, Coventry Teacher of the Year

Barbara Palmisciano Emerson, North Providence Teacher of the Year

Elizabeth A. Santoro, Westerly Teacher of the Year

Elizabeth Ann Vendituoli, Bristol-Warren Teacher of the Year

Media coverage is welcome.

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